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HGCC Corner

Greetings from the Ceremonial Honor Guard!! It is a pleasure to see this second installment of the revived "Post." The first thing you probably noticed in this newsletter that is different from the last newsletter is the title of my position. The component head of the Honor Guard is now the Honor Guard Company Commander. This is a historic change from the previous title of Officer-in-Charge. There were many factors that contributed to the title change, all of which were strong enough to warrant the change. If anyone would like to know more about the reasons for the change, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Now, on to the good stuff. Your Honor Guard has been very busy this quarter and I am proud of all the staff and seamen have accomplished. It is readily apparent that each of us love this mission. The professionalism found in the Honor Guard was empirically displayed at many ceremonies and events nation-wide. Following is just a small list of some of the larger missions:

- St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City.
- Deployment of the Silent Drill Team to Portsmouth, VA to participate in the Virginia International tattoo.
- Myriad of full honors arrivals at the White House and Pentagon, wreath-laying ceremonies, and parades.



- Commissioning of the CGC STRATTON in Alameda, CA.
- Commissioning of the CGC BERNARD C. WEBBER in Miami, FL.
- Deployment of Firing Parties and Casket Teams in support of the funerals for our lost shipmates in CGR-6535 as well as a number of funerals for shipmates also lost on active duty.
- Deployment of the Silent Drill Team and 1812 Period Color Guard to many major East Coast ports

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Left: Captain Dickey getting roped by former Commanding Officer Captain Hartman, (ret).

Right: SN Roling, Berrios, and Pezzuti's going up ceremony.

Rope!

Congratulations to the following members for earning their ropes and badges:

CAPT Dickey **SN Schmitt**
CDR Roschel **SN Dooley**
SN Linton **SN Flynn**
SN Muller **SN Wright**
SN Thomas **SN Rowan**
SN Griffin **SN Ellis**



SN DiCriscio **SN Davis**
SN Russel **SN Pezzuti**
SN Talley **SN Berrios**
SN Stickney
SN Sullivan



Qualifications

Firing Party

SN Unterkoefer

SN Arballo

SN Lopez, J

SN Russel

SN Haskell

Colors

SN Sunderland

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in support of the commemoration of the War of 1812.

- Deployment of several Honor Guard training teams to various units throughout the country to assist local unit Color Guards execute 2-person flag folds, funeral honors, and colors.
- Visit to TISCOM by Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard
- Deployment of a 4-person Color Guard to accompany the Coast Guard Band on their early Summer tour.

Also noteworthy, is the fact our very own TISCOM Skipper, CAPT Dickey, and XO, CDR Roschel, subjected themselves to the rigors of Honor Guard training. They successfully tested out of training, making them the first CO and XO to “earn” the Honor Guard rope and badge. Bravo Zulu!

As you can see, we have been very busy “honoring our profession,” “respecting our shipmates,” and “strengthening our partnerships.” Be proud of your Ceremonial Honor Guardsmen and the accomplishments and contributions they make each day, both on and off duty, to the world and the local community. Till the next newsletter . . .

J. M. Himsey, LT
Honor Guard Company Commander
USCG Ceremonial Honor Guard

Emlen Tunnell



On February, 19, 2012, SN Deselms, SN Desarme, and SN Bethea went to Pennsylvania for a flag raising ceremony in honor of Emlen Tunnel. Emlen Tunnel Served in the United States Coast Guard from 1944-1946 during World War II. He was cited twice for acts of exceptional acts of heroism. During World War II African-Americans were not able to receive awards for their accomplishments. He was stationed on USS Etamin and CDC Tampa. After his two years in the Coast Guard, he moved on to college at the University of Iowa. After three years of playing Quarterback, Halfback, and on defense he joined the NFL and played for the New York Giants. He was the first African-American to play for the Giants. Fans called him “Mr Defense” for setting records in interceptions and punt returns during the 1952 and 1953 seasons. He played for the Giants for 11 years and the Packers for his last 3 years before retirement. In 1967 he became the first African-American to be inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame. He passed away in 1975 from a heart attack during a practice session that he was coaching. It wasn’t until long after he had passed away, when Admiral Papp became Commandant, that he was recognized for his service during World War II and awarded the Silver Life-saving Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon during the ceremony. Having the Honor Guard present at his memorial service meant the world to everyone involved. Vivian Tunnell, his sister, was present at the ceremony and couldn’t express how gracious she was for having the Honor Guard present. After a few short speeches the firing party shot three volleys and taps was played at which time the Honor Guard members rose the National and Coast Guard ensigns in his memory.



1812

On April 15th, 2012 SN Desarme, SN Waldrop, SN Gray, and SN Rivera presented the colors in New Orleans. This is their first mission of many 1812 period colors jobs they will participate in this year. They wear the same uniforms, muskets, and ensigns that members of the Revenue Cutter Service used at the time.



Kodiak Memorial Service

Kodiak, Alaska, April 18th 2012. The Honor Guard deployed a firing party team to Kodiak, Alaska for a Memorial service for Petty Officer James Hopkins and Chief Petty Officer Richard Belisle (ret.). Their trip took a total of four days, of which they were on the ground for a mere 24 hours. Despite the lack of sleep and jet lag, the firing party managed to fire three volleys perfectly on time making one of the best live fires ever executed.



From left to right: SN Sheehan, SN Deselms, SN Bethea, SN Wilkie, SN Unterkoefer, AET2 Ford, SN Lopez, and SN Frazier.



ESO's Corner

Important note from EPME website:

Members must complete the E-PME course and performance requirements before advancement to E-4. It is HIGHLY recommended that all members awaiting "A" School strive to have all E-PME AQE and performance requirements met before attending training. "A" School courses are intensive training and there is no time allotted for E-PME completion. Class "A" school students who have completed the rating portion of the course of instruction, but have not completed the E-PME AQE will not be advanced until the E-PME AQE and performance requirements are satisfied.

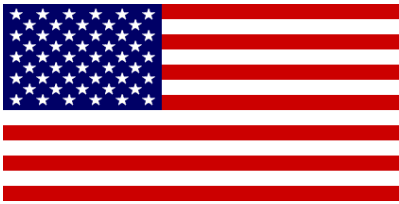
For those looking for EPME study materials, reference the link below:

<https://elearning.uscg.mil/catalog/course.asp?id=132&cid=45>

See LTJG Fernandez once your sign-offs are completed and you would like to schedule your EPME test. A qualifying score on the EPME is an 80% or higher. In the event you don't pass the first time, you must wait a period of 21 days before you can take it again.



Very Respectfully,
LTJG Patrick Fernandez
HG Training Officer/TISCOM ESO



Partners Overseas



On March 14th, 2012. The Coast Guard along with Honor Guards from the other services provided a Joint Honors Ceremony for David Cameron, the United Kingdom Prime Minister. The Honor Guards stood on the south lawn of the white house. It is one of the most important jobs the Honor Guard does for the Military District of Washington. Just one month earlier, on February 15th, our own SN Wilson finally attained United States Citizenship. He is a very active shipmate in the Honor Guard and is qualified in both Colors and Firing Party aside from his Drill Team Duties.



Virginia International Tattoo

The Virginia International Tattoo is an exhibition of military bands, massed pipes and drums, military drill teams, gymnasts, Scottish dancers, and choirs. It is the largest show of its kind in the United States, involving a cast of over 800 artists from many different countries, and has over 28,000 people attending every year. While the Drill team was down in the Virginia Beach area, they also performed at a few public schools from Elementary to High School.





Sports



Farewell!



In this section we wish a fond farewell to our shipmates moving on to their next units. And a thank you for the time they spent proudly standing beside their shipmates despite the discomforting elements during their time in the Honor Guard.





The Cast of over 800 people involved in the Virginia International Tattoo

The Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard represents the United States Coast Guard and the Military District of Washington through ceremonial operations held before world leaders and foreign dignitaries. Ceremonies include Joint Service parades, cordons, Colors events, and White House arrivals as well as Coast Guard-specific retirements, funerals, and other special events. The Honor Guard performs over 1,000 ceremonies annually and is comprised of 84 members.